

a spray bottle containing a liquid, said spray bottle able to be easily manipulated by a user to dispense said liquid;

a device for increasing the level of oxidative properties in said liquid;

a circulation flow path communicating with said spray bottle and said device to allow at least some of said liquid in said spray bottle to flow from said spray bottle to said device and back to said spray bottle.

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cont.
4. (Once Amended) A cleaning apparatus comprising:

a carafe containing a liquid, said carafe able to be easily manipulated by a user to dispense said liquid;

a device for increasing the level of oxidative properties in said liquid;

a circulation flow path communicating with said carafe and said device to allow at least some of said liquid in said carafe to flow from said carafe to said device and back to said carafe.

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11. (Once Amended) A cleaning apparatus comprising:

a reservoir containing a liquid, said reservoir able to be easily manipulated by a user to dispense said liquid;

a device for increasing the level of oxidative properties in said liquid;

a circulation flow path communicating with said reservoir and said device to allow at least some of said liquid in said reservoir to flow from said reservoir to said device and back to said reservoir;

wherein said circulation flow path includes a recirculation flow path and a treatment flow path, where said treatment flow path directs water from said recirculation flow path to said device and back to said recirculation flow path; and

wherein said treatment flow path includes a pre-treatment region upstream of said device and downstream of a diversion of said treatment flow path from said recirculation flow path.

8. (Once Amended) An apparatus as defined in claim 7, wherein said pre-treatment region is a deionization resin bed.

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(Once Amended) A cleaning apparatus comprising:

a reservoir containing a liquid, said reservoir able to be easily manipulated by a user to dispense said liquid;

a device for increasing the level of oxidative properties in said liquid;

a circulation flow path communicating with said reservoir and said device to allow at least some of said liquid in said reservoir to flow from said reservoir to said device and back to said reservoir;

wherein said circulation flow path includes a recirculation flow path and a treatment flow path, where said treatment flow path directs water from said recirculation flow path to said device and back to said recirculation flow path; and

wherein said treatment flow path includes a post-treatment region downstream of said device and upstream of the reconvergence of said treatment flow path and said recirculation flow path.

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(Once Amended) An apparatus as defined in claim 8, wherein:

said treatment flow path includes a deionization filter media positioned upstream of said ozone generator.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 11 being independent claims. In brief review, claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b); claims 3, 4, 9, and 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim; and claims 11-21 are allowed.

In the Office action, the Examiner states that claims 3 and 4 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of claim 1. Further, the Examiner states that claims 7 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and to include all of the limitations of claims 1 and 6, from which they respectfully depend. The Examiner also states that claims 9 and 10 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of claims 1 and 6.